

Hello League members,

The State League of Women Voters conference is coming to East Tennessee! All League members are invited to join our caravan and carpool and attend the State Conference in nearby Johnson City on Saturday and Sunday, October 24-25-- in lieu of the regular October meeting.

The Knoxville League wants you to experience a state conference and will pay your registration fee as an incentive. Come for Saturday only, or stay for the dinner event and a casual "after-party" at the hotel Saturday night, and the two sessions on Sunday morning.

What is Fall Conference? A weekend of issue- oriented speakers and workshops for all League members. There are no business sessions, just information, networking and conversation with other great women and men around the state. The following page contains a detailed conference schedule.

Everyone is welcome--you don't need any League experience, and it's a great way to learn how the political system really works. The conference takes place at the Comfort Inn outside of Johnson City, only a 2-hour drive from Knoxville.

If you are interested in coming for just a day instead of the full 2-day affair, I encourage it. The fall colors should be fabulous this weekend, which makes the 2-hour drive a vacation in itself. Call a friend and make a day trip with us!

We will pay carpool drivers a gas allowance. To request or offer carpool space, call Jamey Dobbs at 548-0818. **Carpools will leave from the Beck Center by 9:45 am on Saturday.** Workshop sessions start at 1:30 pm. Contact Jamey Dobbs to receive the \$15 registration fee waiver.

Room registrations are made directly with the Comfort Suites
3118 Browns Mill Road
Johnson City TN
Phone (423) 610-0010.

Rooms are \$70 at the conference rate and come with a full breakfast.

Hope to see you Saturday!

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Fall Conference Schedule

Saturday, October 24th

12:00 Registration opens

1:30 Opening Session: Immigration and Problems of Becoming A Citizen Kasar Abdulla, Director of Education for Tennessee Immigration Rights and Refugee Coalition (TIRRC)

2:30 Break

2:45 Membership—Building A Dynamic League

3:45 Break

4:00 Legislative Update: Stewart Clifton, Lobbyist for LWVTN

5:30 Wine & Cheese Reception

7:00 Dinner Speaker: Dr. Amal I. Khoury, Associate Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Health Services Administration, ETSU College of Public Health

8:30 After Party: Get comfortable and unwind at the Hotel

Sunday, October 25th

9:00 Tennessee Finances: Speaker: John Stewart, Board Chair, Tennesseans for Fair Taxation Workshop presenter: Dorothy Seek

10:00 Action and Advocacy: A workshop: What works and how we do it--by Oak Ridge LW

10:45 Wrap up and brief discussion of legislative priorities